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SUBJECT: EASTERN EUROPEAN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS'
CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 1, 1976.

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1. STATE AND COMMERCE SHARE EMBASSY'S REGRET THAT MATLOCK UNABLE TO ATTEND CONFERENCE, BUT UNDERSTAND REASONS FOR THE DECISION.
2. IN VIEW OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, EMBASSY IS INVITED TO CONSIDER NOMINATING SOMEONE FROM LENINGRAD (NEUBERT OR RUECKERT) TO PARTICIPATE IN SUBJECT CONFERENCE. STATE (EB) AND COMMERCE (BEWT) ARE PREPARED TO FUND TRAVEL AND PER DIEM OF SUCH PARTICIPANT VICE MATLOCK, WITH FISCAL DATA TO FOLLOW WITH SEPTTEL ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1.
3. CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS APPRECIATE PROPOSED SHIFTS IN AGENDA ASSIGNMENTS (PARA 2 OF MOSCOW 13197) AND WILL DISCUSS THEM, ALONG WITH VARIOUS OTHER NECESSARY AMENDMENTS, IN UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETINGS SET FOR AUGUST 25. CABLE REPORTING RESULTS WILL

BE FORWARDED BY END OF THIS WEEK. IF EMBASSY NOMINATES PARTICIPANT FROM LENINGRAD, THIS MIGHT ENTAIL SOME FURTHER RESHUFFLING OF ASSIGNMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS FROM USSR.

4. U.S. ARMY INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED RUSSIAN STUDIES ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACCEPTS OFFER OF BRIEFING FOR ITS STUDENTS MORNING OF OCTOBER 1ST, ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN PARA 7 OF STATE 159748. EDGAR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR EUR/SOV, PREPARED TO JOIN EMBASSY OFFICERS IN THIS SESSION. SKOUG'S AND FARRAND'S DEPARTURE PLANS FROM GARMISCH WILL INFLUENCE THE LENGTH OF THE SESSION ON OCTOBER 1. PLEASE ADVISE MUNICH WITH INFO COPY TO DEPARTMENT.

5. PRESENTATION FOR RUSSIAN INSTITUTE (RI) SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED. IF EMBASSY HAS QUESTIONS CONCERNING FORMAT OR SUBSTANCE OF BRIEFING, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT THESE BE WORKED OUT DIRECTLY WITH LT. COL. ROLAND LAJOIE, COMMANDANT OF RI, AND HIS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LT. COL. JIM HINDS. FINAL COORDINATION CAN BE UNDERTAKEN AFTER ARRIVAL IN GARMISCH. EDGAR ON LEAVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7.

6. SUGGEST SKOUG AND FARRAND HOLD OFF MAKING SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 25 ACCOMMODATIONS UNTIL AFTER CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS HOLD THEIR AUGUST 25 MEETING. KISSINGER

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